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## PAUL'S NOTE

The best news all week is that our buses are back on the street.

Something very important to remember is that the agreement between Sun Tran and Teamsters Local 104 was settled within the parameters of the Sun Tran budget which was approved by the City of Tucson and utilizes fuel and strike savings.

This is great news for the 60,000 Tucsonans that rely on Sun Tran every day.

Here's something you might not realize even though you drive by it every day: the Murphy-Wilmot



Library is a bit of an architectural gem.

It was built in 1965 and shortly afterward was recognized with an award by the American Institute of Architects for "distinguished accomplishments in library architecture." It's an example of modernist architecture, long horizontal lines and a monochromatic look that suggests sculpture.

Other examples that can be found in town

are the fountains at TCC and the Desert Museum.

The architect, Nicholas Sakellar, added his own touches with the design of the windows and managed to create what gets termed a "ramada like space." In addition to a nice look, this has had a practical effect too. The open design has allowed the library to accommodate much larger groups than was originally intended.

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## PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

The library will be called on to accommodate another large group next month. Tucson Modernism Week, a celebration of our city's mid-sixties architecture put on by the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation, will close with a reception at Murphy-Wilmot Library. It might be more appropriate to call it Wilmot Library, its original name, for the day since the event will be a chance to step into 1965 with a fashion show featuring clothing from the period, as well as music.

Dino Sakellar, the grandson of the original architect, will also be there. He designed the renovation of the library in 2011.

The event costs \$45 and will be at the Murphy-Wilmot Library on October 10 from 7 to 10 pm. For more information, visit <https://tucsonmod.com/>.

After more than thirty years, Ernie Duarte is leaving the City of Tucson. He started off as a draftsman in the Department of Transportation, but finishes as the head of the Development Services Department. He's had that job since 2002.

Development services can be a thankless job, since every decision is bound to make someone angry, whether it be a business person, neighbor, developer, or even occasionally a city council member.

Ernie will not be resting. He will be moving on to a job at Salpointe Catholic High School, a place he has long been passionate about. Thank you for your service to Tucson, Ernie.



## TUCSON MEET YOURSELF—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Tucson Meet Yourself is coming October 9–11! This festival is about you, your community, its cultures, food and traditions. Volunteers make it possible. Please save the dates AND sign up for volunteer shifts now. Go to <http://www.tucsonmeetyourself.org/volunteer> to find out more, create a profile and grab the shifts you want while they're still available! Volunteering deepens your relationship with this great community event; be part of making it happen this year!"

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## HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

**Broadway Intersection Park & Ride:** This project is substantially complete, and we are delighted that we finally have the signs in place.

We are actively working on changing out the lighting fixtures in the parking lot. For those of you that don't live directly adjacent to the facility, the new LED lighting fixtures that were installed do not meet the City's requirements for lighting. We have pulled the fuses of the lights near the neighborhood, and are working with the lighting vendor to get the appropriate fixtures. LED lighting is quite different from the type of lighting the City used to use, and we are finding that not all fixtures are created equal. LED is a wonderful energy saver, but also needs to be selected for the right color and luminance to be compatible for our observatories and livability. We appreciate your patience while we get these lights adjusted.

**Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street:** The scheduled completion date is Sept. 20. We are rapidly moving forward on this project and are about five months ahead of schedule. We are wrapping up our water line connections at the side streets and there are only a few locations left where there will be restricted or closed access. As you probably know, if there are any water outages, they will be a night and you will receive a 48 hour advance notice. This work should be finished by next week.

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Carol West Senior Addition:** The Carol West Senior Addition will host a Senior Health Fair on September 24, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm. The free event will have refreshments, door prizes and exhibitors. Flu shots will be offered as well.

Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a trip to The Forum of Tucson on Thursday, September 10, 2015. Departure from the center is 11 am and return is 2 pm. The cost is \$2.00.

A trip to Apple Annie's is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2015. The cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch, dessert and transportation. Departure from the Carol West Addition is 9:30 am and return is 2 pm

For questions, please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121.

**Leisure Classes:** Watch for the Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog to be available Monday, November 9, 2015. It will be available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. For questions or more information, contact the Registration Office at 791-4877.

**Tucson Pops:** The Tucson POPS concerts will be held at the Reid Park, DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center (OPC), 900 S. Randolph way, on Sunday, September 13, 20, and 27. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.. There is a limited amount of seating and fills up quickly. A chair(s) or a blanket is recommended.

**Arizona Symponic Winds:** The WINDS Concert series will take place Saturdays, September 12, 19, 26 and October 3. The program will take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde Rd. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket.





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**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will not be on the regular Tuesday, but will instead be on Wednesday, October 9. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

